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Tom Dufraine, of the Marshall Street Lab, pulls a 17" trout out of the Deerfield River on the opening day of the fishing season.

The first entry for the Fishing Contest has come in, and it's a honey. Louis Coty of the Warehouse at Marshall Street reports a brown trout, weighing 2 lbs. 6 ozs., measuring 20½" in length, caught on April 20, 6:15 p.m. in the Hoosac River. Come on, fishermen. You can enter more than one so don't wait for what you think may be the larger ones. The more the better.

The opening day of the fishing season brought out many Sprague men and women in spite of the snowfall of the day before. True enough, they were clad in

woolen hunting clothes, for the most part, but they pitched right in and, from all reports, many of them did take home something. The business of going out early on opening morning is tradition among the more enthusiastic anglers who feel that the early fisherman gets fish while the Johnny-come-lately gets the worms — a reversal of the old adage about the early bird getting the worm. Anyway, the fishing season is on and the best is yet to come. So enter your catch with your plant judge before you do what comes naturally with your frying pan.

OUR APRIL SNOWSTORM

The heaviest snowfall in seventeen years covered this area on April 14 right on the heels of some of the loveliest spring weather we can remember. Official measurements placed the depth at 10 inches with some outlying areas reporting 12 inches.

At one time, a total of 100 cars was held up on Union Street where the deep, clinging snow and slippery pavement proved too much for those trying to get up the grade. Those motorists who tried to back down added to the confusion and two patrolmen had to be

sent to the scene to restore some order.

Two snow plows went into action around 7 p.m. and, with the sanding crew, remained on duty all night so that by the time we all got out next morning, things were in pretty good condition. The skeptics will always believe that the rainmaker who seeded rainclouds over the Catskills may have been responsible for the unexpected blanketing. Whatever the cause, we had it; it's gone now and we are back in the springtime mood.

How Your Cancer Contribution Helps

Some persons do not understand clearly how contributions to the American Cancer Society help in the battle against cancer. Here is how your contributions aid in the society's program of research, education and service:

RESEARCH — Your contribution helps to support more than a thousand research specialists who relentlessly pursue the cause and cure of cancer, and who will some day — God willing — wipe out this dread disease.

Research has helped develop life-saving techniques of x-ray, radium and surgery which enable medical science to say, "Cancer is curable if detected early and treated promptly."

EDUCATION — Education makes public the knowledge produced by science through booklets, posters, newspaper and magazine advertisements, radio and films. Physicians and scientists are kept informed by latest developments in the detection and treatment of cancer by means of lectures, films, scientific papers and other services. Part of your money goes toward doing that job.

MEDICAL SERVICE — The society's Field Army of volunteer workers renders personal aid to cancer patients — such as cancer dressings, transportation, and home services. They help establish and staff cancer clinics and publicize local cancer facilities. The Field Army carries cancer control right into the home.

Thus the program of the American Cancer Society is a three pronged attack to which cancer must capitulate eventually — if you will continue to do your part.

NURSES ATTEND MEETING

Miss Etta Owen, Miss Agnes Costello, Mrs. Faye Acetta, Mrs. Anna Fitzgerald and Miss Ethel Lowe were the five nurses who represented Sprague Electric Company at the Berkshire-Safety Nurses dinner meeting in Pittsfield on April 12. The speaker was Dr. Alice M. Broadhurst of Boston who is medical adviser of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

A census taker asked a woman how many children she had. "Well," she began, "there's Willie, and Henry, and Martha and . . ."

"Never mind the names," he said impatiently, "just give me the number."

His tone aroused the mother's indignation.

"They haven't got numbers," she said sharply, "they've all got names!"

NORTH ADAMS CLEAN-UP PROGRAM TO GET UNDER WAY ON MAY FIRST

Sprague Men and Women Can Assume Leadership In Beautification Campaign

May 1 is the day for the North Adams beautification program to get under way. This clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign should result in a spic and span city by the time it is over on May 13.

How can we at Sprague Electric help in making this housecleaning a success? We can spend some of our "away from work" energies cleaning up our yards, repairing broken steps, arranging for better garbage and trash disposal on our part, and doing many other odd jobs that may have needed doing around the outside of our homes for some time.

A more beautiful yard and house not only gives the city a better appearance, it also makes our neighbors think better of us as individuals because we are helping make that particular section more desirable as a place to live. In other words, it pays off in friendship! Another point not to be overlooked is that we feel more prosperous when we look more prosperous, hence an increase in morale on the part of those of us who clean up — and look up.

And, of course, the most important

from an individual point of view is that a clean place means a healthy place to live. Disease knows no bounds and is the natural result of untidiness and disregard for sanitation. Epidemics start and spread from garbage and rubbish piles which attract flies. We all know about the fly — the naughty thing that carries on one little foot more germs than we can count and deposits them as gifts on all he calls upon.

We have at Sprague's some twenty-four hundred men and women who live in the city of North Adams. If twenty-four hundred of us set the example of cooperating with the Clean-Up Committee, think of the leadership we are assuming and of the precedent we are setting. If others follow in our footsteps, we'll have our city glistening like a well-cut gem in the Berkshire sunlight.

Be A Leader! Clean Up! Look Up!



This is the sort of thing we definitely don't want to see around our back doors. The danger of fire and physical injury is too great.

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CANASTA RULES FOR 1950

Leading authorities have agreed on a standardized set of Canasta rules for 1950, with the commitment that there will be no further changes during the year, it was announced by the Association of American Playing Card Manufacturers in New York City, which is issuing the rules. The new association rules also include those for 3-pack Canasta.

The 1950 version of 2-pack Canasta rules varies only slightly from that published by the Association in 1949. The game is now described as best for "2 or 4 players", instead of four or five. Under the new rules, a player going out with a concealed hand must have a complete Canasta, but need not have a specific minimum count. Again, a partner is permitted to ask "May I go out?" if he is able to go out before drawing from the stock pile, whereas under the 1949 rules he was permitted to ask the question only after drawing.

According to the association many local variations are being used. Some players permit a final meld of two black threes and a wild card, although there is nothing in the association's official rules that specifically authorizes this play. Many who play the two-handed game now require that two Canastas

be melded before a player may go out. Others use this kind of variation: If a player has made a mixed Canasta of sixes, a discard of a six by an opponent has the same effect as the discard of a black three; that is, it is a stop card for the next player. This variation, of course, applies not only to sixes, but to all numbers and face cards.

While these are common variations, the association statement adds that there are many others played in various sections of the country. The purpose of the association's rules is to establish the broadest possible base for Canasta, says the announcement, and local variations can then be agreed upon by the players themselves.

Among the experts who have agreed to the rules are Geoffrey Mott-Smith, Albert H. Morehead, Oswald Jacoby, Otilie Reilly, Richard L. Frey, Samuel Fry, Robert Lee Johnson, Walter L. Richard, Ely Culbertson and Theodore A. Lightner.

Three-pack Canasta calls for three partnerships of two each, six jokers and increased initial meld requirements.

If you'd like an up-to-date set of Canasta rules, just write to the Association of American Playing Card Manufacturers, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

KNOW YOUR SUPERVISOR



Edward Ducharme, Arcade J. Gibeau and Emile J. Goyette, supervisors for Formation's three shifts at Beaver Street.

Three shifts in one department which is located in two plants means six supervisors since one is required for each shift in each plant. That's how we got acquainted with this six-man team which has us a little baffled when it comes to figuring out how best to present them to you.

Three of these men, Art Gibeau, Arthur Hewitt, and Leonard Bourrie, came to Sprague's in 1930. Art started in Block Assembly, went along through several departments, until he hit Formation where he became a supervisor in 1949. He served two years in the Army during the war, is a television fan, a midget car racing enthusiast, and likes fishing.

THE OLDTIMER SAYS!

"Maybe the reason some people lag behind in our free enterprise system is that they're depending too much on the free part and not enough on their own enterprise."

Good Housekeeping
Hints in the Plant

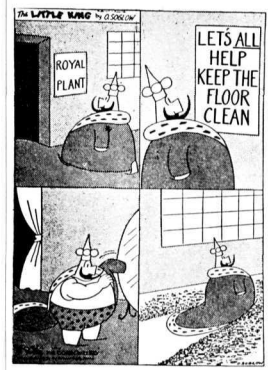
Keep stairways and aisles clear.
Keep floors clean and dry.
Put your tools back in place.
Clean up before you leave.

In the Office - - -

Keep all file and desk drawers closed.
Don't let things pile up.
Put waste papers in the basket.
Keep your locker orderly.

Actually, most of these hints apply both in the office and in the plant. There's nothing very difficult about any of them. They are just an expression of common sense. Good housekeeping means a place for everything, and everything in its place; consideration for the other fellow; and an interest in your own safety and comfort.

Our Safety Corner



A safety message with a punch: "Insignificant" said the victim; "infection" said the doc; "incredible" said the mourners; "in peace" said the granite block."



Leonard Bourrie, James F. X. Shea and Arthur R. Hewitt, supervisors of the Marshall Street Formation Department.

Arthur Hewitt began in the Can Shop and alternated that department with Formation until he was made supervisor in 1949. He lives in Clarksburg where he raises Royal White King pigeons and sells squab as a hobby. Take it from one who knows, they're good! His outside interests are fishing and baseball.

Leonard Bourrie was an anode winding operator when he first started with us. He says his principal interests are reading and traveling.

James F. X. Shea started as a Formation operator in 1933, has clung close to that department, and was made supervisor in 1949. He likes hunting and fishing, reading and sports. The LOG gets a plug in here; Jim was a

reporter for a number of years.

Edward Ducharme started in Block Assembly in 1934. He, too, entered the supervisor's field in 1949. His outside interests are centered around his workshop in his home and motoring which he has a penchant for.

Emile Goyette was a Sprague fireman in 1938. He went to Formation in 1944 and became a supervisor in 1949. His chief recreation is fishing, and his hobbies are baseball and football.

It's interesting to see that these various enthusiasts, representing practically every field of interest, all cooperate to make the Formation Department a blend of efficiency.

GIVE TO THE CANCER DRIVE!

Help Destroy This Treacherous Killer.

YOU AND I MAY BE NEXT!



Richard Gigliotti, four and one-half year-old son of Ida Gigliotti of Ceramics. John Leveque, son of Vi Leveque of Brown Street P.A.A. Soldering. Doris, Harold and Richard Walden, children of Pearl Walden of Dry Tubular Finish at Beaver Street. Paula and Dick Gageant, children of Leona Gageant of Ceramics. Rosalie Poplaski of Molded Tubulars with her eleven months-old daughter, Linda.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Roach who were married on April 15. The bride is the former Leone Alderman of F. P. Assembly.

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Formation -- Marshall

We welcome the following men to our ranks: Stanley Wilson, Henry Pipin, Frank Bernardo, Harold Brown, Clarence Dean, Victor Volpi, Frank Sinclitico, Anthony Falco, Benjamin Lancio, Louis Lillie, and Joseph Matrangola. Best of luck to you boys on your jobs.

Two more high-voltage machines are starting to take shape here at Marshall Street Formation. Upon completion, it will make eleven hi-volt machines in the department.

For sale or swap: number four and five hi-volt machs. See Cronin and Patenaude, Inc.

The boys thought a new operator had taken over number ten. After several hours had passed, they discovered it was Sam Spagnola hiding behind that black beard of his.

Hewitt to Cronin: "Is the coffee ready, Connie?"

Cronin: "Must be. Mancini has his."

Hewitt: "Yes, I know, but he gets his first before it's half done because he likes it weak."

Cronin: "Maybe he's afraid it will keep him awake on the job if he gets it too strong."

Ceramics

Mr. Wilson has returned from a vacation in Canada and, from what he tells us, it was an enjoyable one.

We welcome all the newcomers on all the shifts and hope they will like it here. A special welcome to Bernie who is going to work with Frankie in Check Inspection.

Congratulations to Raymond Scerbo whose engagement to Shirley Bergeron has been announced.

Birthday greetings to Lillian who will celebrate on April 27, and greetings to Josephine Dean whose birthday has just passed.

Inez has learned a lesson and won't play any more April Fool jokes. The one she played on Virginia back-fired.

For a small department we have a good group of singers. Any noon time you can hear the gang indulging in close harmony. We think it's good. And you haven't heard anything until you've heard our incomparable Alma sing the Roller Piano Blues!

Our fishing enthusiasts are in their glory now that the season is open. Ann went out and caught herself a nice trout. Clara hasn't tried her luck yet but is starry-eyed at the prospect.

Retail Sales

Titles That Fit -- (We Hope):
The Oomph Girl—Avalina King
The Body—Rusty St. Pierre
Miss America—Helen Morawiec
Deb of the Year—Pat Donovan
The Face—Larry Van Steenberg
Actress of the Year—Mary Daniels
Inspector General—Teresa Deso
The Java Jiver—Doris Patenaude
Mrs. America—Dot Belanger
Best Song Composer—Bea Campedelli
The Doll—Florence Richards
Bowling Champ—Miles Heath
Cub Reporter—Barb King
Major Domo—Sylvia Marcil
Mrs. Homemaker—Mary Lobardi
Teacher—Audrey Burdick
Alice in Wonderland—Alice Malloy
The Legs—Si Vadnais
Best Dressed—Lorraine Lavigne
The Swooner Crooner—Mario Magnani
Sun Bonnet Sue—Susy Dean
The Boss—Hank Gamari

Joe was sitting beside his partner who was dying. The sick man knew he was doomed and said with a sigh of repentance: "I've got a confession to make, Joe."

He lifted himself on one elbow and continued, "I robbed the firm of \$10,000. I sold our secret formula for \$50,000. I stole the letter from your desk that got your wife a divorce, and ..."

"Oh, don't worry, old chap," interrupted Joe. "I'm the one who poisoned you!"

BUSY BEAVER News

Can Shop

We wonder what Ted Dziok is buying boxing gloves for and what Harry Peasler would do if he couldn't bellow about how much money he hasn't got. We know better, Harry.

It won't be long before Bill Fortini takes his son fishing. He wanted to take him on opening day—at the age of four months!

We are glad to see Pinky Sherman feeling better.

Bob Haas has a 1936 Buick for sale. Frank Morandi says he will buy it if a horse is included in the sale.

We are glad to hear that Walt Ragowski's son is all right after his operation.

Ray Chalifoux and Bob Columbus are having their usual car trouble. Cheer up, boys, it can't be much worse. Better days are coming.

Jose, of Plating, has bought a new home. We hope you like it up there, Joe Go'Cross Lot.

Misc. Paper Finish

Elizabeth Kenny looks rested after her recent vacation. She is sporting a pair of rimmed glasses which are very becoming.

Frances Gayda must be kept busy sending the gang cards from California. She says she is having a wonderful time.

Gertrude Hall seems to be on the "trot" all the time now. If she keeps it up, we will be calling her Barney Google.

Mary Zito has been out on sick leave for a couple of weeks. She spent part of the time "up on the hill" just for observation. We all send our get well wishes, Mary.

Your reporter has been out sick for a week, too, along with her husband and son. We thank you for the calls and cards. We appreciated everything.

The department's song for the month: "Rain or Shine."

Sales Office

We congratulate Mrs. Mathews on her new home in Clarksburg. From all reports, she really likes it.

Warning all drivers! Be on the lookout for Gina Sauve. She's taking driving lessons and will be on the road before you know it.

Joan LaPierre's new hair style is very becoming and stylish.

Fritz Windover tells us that he is anxious for Blue Haven to open so he can chaperone. Personally, we think he likes the style dancing.

Formation -- Beaver

We hear them, we see them, we all know them:

A. Barbeau—For his enormous appetite

F. Linebury—Just call me Shuffles

A. Gibeau—Who stole my cake?

E. Ducharme—Did you hear this one?

P. Bemis—The gun is off-center. I never miss.

A. Kirkpatrick—All raw foil

G. Perras—Have you seen the pictures of my daughter?

H. Arbour—It's only 96. I want 99.

E. Delmolino—Adams won! They won!

G. Filiault—All Zerod in. On 9 and 10

R. Quadland—Bankers, nothing but bankers.

A. Brown—Okay, Haley. Okay, Bemis.

B. Goyette—Fish! I've never seen so many fish.

A. Pevoski—Come and get it before I throw it away.

Pop Welks—But I haven't any nickels.

L. Lecuyer—I'll betcha-betcha-betcha.

Betty Bogus—Peace, there is no peace.

Misc. Paper Assembly

A warm welcome to Theresa Vono who is back with us.

Millie Brouillet, her husband, and young son spent Easter in Norwich, Conn.

Millie Latalien tells us she is on a diet which is producing results. Where do you get the will power, Millie?

Ethel Fossor's son, Philip, has returned home after completing three years in the U. S. Navy. We understand wedding bells will be ringing for him soon.

Our deepest sympathy to Pauline McCuen on the sudden death of her aunt who made her home with Pauline.

Engagements

Mr. Louis Perras of Stamford, Vt., has announced the engagement of his daughter, Germaine Helene, to Norman Earl Gamache, son of Mrs. Lydia Gamache of Adams. The bride-to-be works in the Molding Department. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin of Florida have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn, to Philip Cummings, son of Mrs. Charles Maxymillian of Adams. Carolyn works in the Office. The wedding will take place in June.

Weddings

CURRY - SOLARI

Miss Carmen Theresa Solari, daughter of Mrs. Preziosa Solari, was married to Robert Joseph Curry, son of Mrs. Mary C. Curry, on April 15 in St. Thomas' Church. The groom is employed in Check Inspection.

BOYCE - VERGUNST

Miss Grace Vergunst, daughter of Mrs. Hendrica Vergunst, and Donald Howard Boyce, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Boyce, were married on April 15 in the First Baptist Church. They are at home in a newly-built home at 66 Cole Avenue, Pittsfield. The bride was employed in D.T.Q. at the time of her wedding.

STACHURA - RIVARD

Miss Dorothy Elaine Rivard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rivard, was married on April 15 to Stanley John Stachura, son of Mrs. Mary Stachura of Adams. The wedding took place in St. Stanislaus Church in Adams. The bride is in the Sample Department at Marshall Street. The couple is at home at 82 Lime Street, Adams.

ROGERS - WETHERBEE

Miss Helen Louise Wetherbee of Middletown Springs, Vt., and Donald Gardner Rogers, of Government Contracts, were married in the Congregational Church on April 6. They are at home in Pownal, Vt.

ROACH - ALDERMAN

Miss Leone Frances Alderman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Alderman, and Robert Lee Roach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Roach, were married on April 15 in St. Francis' Church. The bride is employed in the F. P. Department. They are at home at 1342 Massachusetts Avenue.

For every eight Americans who work in private business or industry or are self-employed, there is one Government employe, paid out of the taxpayers' money. That's the extent to which local, state and Federal governments have snow-balled.

Twenty years ago there was only one Government employe for every 40 citizens in other lines of work.

SHREDDED WHEAT BREAD

3 shredded wheat biscuits in 3 cups of water.

2 tablespoons shortening

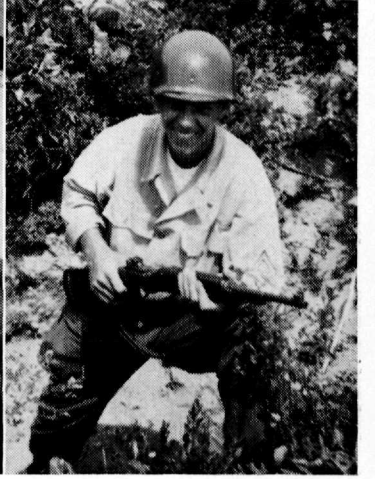
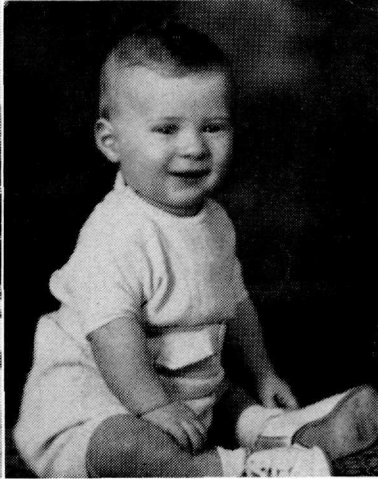
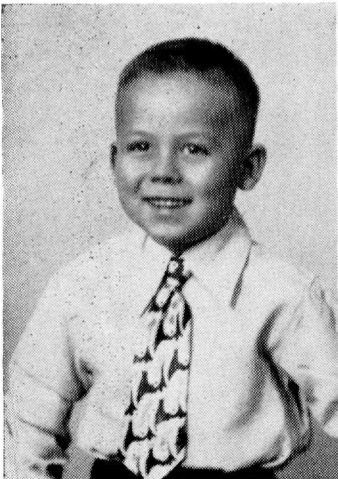
½ cup molasses

1 tablespoon salt

½ yeast cake and enough flour to make a stiff batter.

Mix well for five minutes in pan. Then add enough flour to make very stiff. Let rise until double in bulk. Put into greased muffin tins or loaf pan. Let rise until double in bulk. Bake in 400 degree oven for thirty minutes. This makes two loaves of bread or two dozen rolls.

Submitted by Ann Heath



Harvey LaBonte, Jr., son of Doris LaBonte of Brown Street P.A.A. Solder and nephew of Pearl Walden of Dry Tubular Finish. Marcia Ann Dean, two and one-half year-old daughter of Josephine Dean of Ceramics at Marshall Street. Daniel Lee Duprat, one and one-half year-old son of Jean Duprat of Ceramics. Linda Jean Libardoni, nineteen month-old daughter of Guido Libardoni of Networks. William Michael O'Grady, seven month-old-son of Miles O'Grady, Jr., of Marshall Street D.T.Q. Edmund Poplaski, husband of Rosalie Poplaski of Molded Tubulars at Brown Street, who is a Pfc. in the National Guard, Company M.



Industrial Oils

We are happy to see Mrs. Emery back to work looking so well after her leave of absence.

Spring fever seems to have hit the department. Evelyn Morton is taking a week of her vacation which she will spend in Boston. Lucille Lachanae is spending a few days in Boston, too. What goes on there? Alta Oakes spent a week with her new grandson, and Helen Lesure spent a week shoveling out the snow in Stamford.

Bernie Stackpoole has returned after being out with a bad tooth. Was it your sweet tooth, Bernie?

Mrs. Maynard has joined the Friday night TV fans. If she keeps looking at the fights, she will be giving us lessons — in self defense.

How does it feel to be back home in the Networks, Eleanor DeSanty?

Al Folino has become quite a movie-maker. How about letting us see some of those pictures you have taken, Al. You could show them some noon time.

If you don't get out your fishing tackle, Jack Shields, you won't get in the fishing contest.

Molded Tubular Solder

Greetings to Catherine Latalien who celebrated her birthday recently.

We welcome Eva Oster and Maria Zelazek to our department.

After a couple of unsuccessful efforts, Doris Stone finally baked a lovely banana cream pie. When her husband tasted it, he said, "Gee, Doris, this pineapple pie is certainly delicious."

The female baseball fans in the department have started the baseball season out well. Each of them has her favorite player posted up for all to see.

Belated birthday greetings to Esther and Sadie.

We extend our sympathy to Rae Trimarche whose mother-in-law and father-in-law died recently.

Final Solderers

We wish Theresa Contois a speedy recovery following her recent operation.

We are glad to see Rose Walczak back with us.

Ida Fortin was certainly kept busy making preparations for her daughter's wedding.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mel Scalise on the death of his grandparents.

Betty Romeo's son did well in the Houghton School Minstrel. We can't blame Betty for being proud of him — we were, too.

We have Red Sox, Yanks, and Dodgers rooters in the department. The mornings will be lively from now on.

Industrial Oil Rolling

There's a wonderful epidemic of spring fever afoot. Everyone has the symptoms—lazy, happy expressions on their faces, mutterings about vacations to come, hands itching to get hold of a fishing pole or a baseball bat, and romantic twinges around the heart. The best remedy for this is supposed to be sulphur and molasses. Maybe we ought to try it.

I'm sorry but it's true that Jeannette Holmes has left us for another. Her heart interest happens to be her blue-eyed baby, Jacqueline, and we can't blame her for wanting to take over on the home front once again. We liked knowing you, Jeannette. Come and see us any time.

Ceil Ferrara has been transferred to Beaver Street. Happy landing, Ceil; we hope you like your new surroundings.

We were most happy to hear of the engagement of Helen Banks to Bill Sheldon of Industrial Oils. Helen used to work here and is known by many of us. Here's our wish for much future happiness to two very nice people who deserve it. Wedding bells will sound off on October 21.

Evelyn Morton, chief guard of the tool chest, is taking a much-needed vacation. After all, running around at the end of a day chasing hammers, monkey wrenches, screwdrivers and so on is pretty doggone strenuous on a gal.

Lucille Lachance is Boston bound again. She and her daughter, Bev who goes for hospital treatment, took another of their trips down. They always manage to have fun and plenty of good seafood to go with it.

Helen Unis was bridesmaid in a friend's wedding recently. She reports that she was more nervous than the bride. She disappointed us, though, in not catching the bridal bouquet. You can tell she is a Yankee fan. Better catching next time, Helen.

Ag Miller's daughter, Mary Ann, is going in for acting. She has quite a prominent part in a church play. Her role is that of a spinster. After seeing this young lady, we are quite sure she won't play that role in real life.

I want to thank all my friends at the Brown Street Plant for their many kindnesses to me during my recent illness.

Dolly Williams

Wire Coating

Earle Washburn is starting to bring spring bouquets in to the department. Arbutus made its first appearance the week of April 17.

This is a true fish story: Corena Tatro's son, Ronny, brought home a 11½" trout the other day. Corena saw the trout, then heard a rattle of pans, then a sizzling sound. The aroma of frying fish filled the kitchen and then, like a flash, four people divided and ate the poor little fish!

We are happy to welcome Elinore Williams back to Wire Coating. She worked with us in 1942 and 1943 but left us to go in training for a nurse.

Our best wishes to Mary Jane Sanford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sanford, who received her cap on April 8 at the Union School of Nursing, Albany, New York.

PAA Rolling

Spring is here for sure. How do we know? Mabel Theriault has blossomed out in her new spring wardrobe.

Have you heard that Helen Cutler is going to be bat girl for the Red Sox and that she also has the job of massaging Ted Williams' arm before he goes up to the plate. We also wish Helen a Happy Birthday with many happy returns.

We are all a little envious of Mary Messier's 1934 Plymouth. It has four worn tires, four cracked windows, and no top. The color is slightly out of this world — a tattle-tale gray with chipped chrome trimming. We are waiting patiently for our first ride, Mary.

Mary Matranga started the fishing season off with a bang. She fell in the brook.

Who is known as the great Lorenzo Jones of the department? No, it isn't Romeo.

What care Laddie has been taking lately — covering her legs up to the knees with some odd garments. She claims she has "very close" veins.

Molded Tubulars--Night

The Molded Tubular Quarter Club held a supper at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club on April 2. Vera Davine and Mae Szatela were in charge. We all enjoyed the dancing. Aggie surely can jitterbug.

The stork was very busy a few years back in the month of April. Happy Birthday, girls.

Welcome back after your illnesses, Anna Deep and Lily Bush.

Hurry back, Alvina, we miss you.

Margaret Foote's son, Bob who worked at Sprague's at one time, has accepted a teaching position and position of assistant coach at Pine Bush, N. Y. Margaret is the proud mother of a fine son.

Births

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Cournoyer on April 15. The father works in Dry Tubular Assembly.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. McConnell on February 23. The mother is Cecelia of the Pilot Plant at Brown Street.

SON, Walter Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. William Kaczowski on April 18. The father works in General Maintenance.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. William Houghton on April 20. The father is in the Sample Department.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rogge on April 17. The father works in the F. P. Department at Marshall Street.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wickline on April 14. The father is in the D.T.Q. Rolling Department.

SONS — twins — to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rotolo on April 21. The father works in Automatic Rolling and the mother was formerly employed in F. P. Assembly.



This bolero suit with white accents is tres chic for spring and can go well into the summer for coolish days. Simplicity Pattern 3141.

If there's a jar of candied cherries still lingering from the holidays, use them in delightful sweet rolls called cherry winks. Start with a beaten batter, let rise until light, then stir down and add one-half cup chopped candied cherries. Mix well, then drop batter by spoonfuls into greased muffin pans. Sprinkle tops with granulated sugar. Let rise until light (about 30 minutes). Bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees F.) 30 to 35 minutes.

What's A Woman

Analysis of the creature known as woman as seen through the eyes of the chemist:

Symbol: Wo.

Accepted atomic weight: 120.

Physical properties: Boils at nothing and freezes at any minute. Melts when properly treated, very bitter if not well used.

Occurrence: Found wherever man exists.

Chemical Properties: Possesses great affinity for gold, silver, platinum and precious stones. Violent reaction if left alone, able to absorb great amounts of food matter. Turns green when placed beside a better looking specimen.

Uses: Highly ornamental, useful as a tonic in acceleration of low spirits and an equalizer of the distribution of wealth. Is probably the most effective income reducing agent known.

Caution: Highly explosive in inexperienced hands.

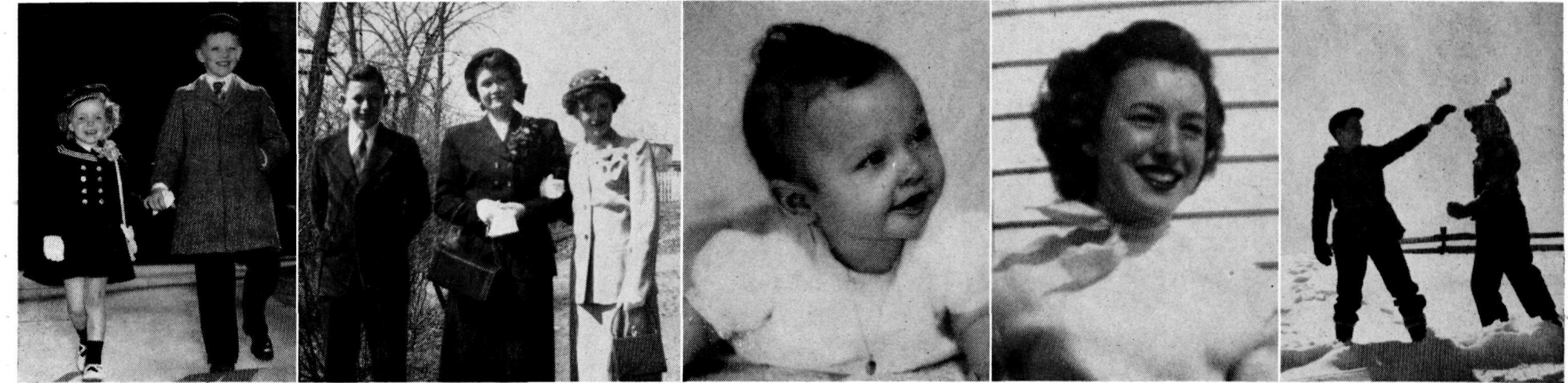
Heart Association Tips

The Massachusetts Heart Association has issued a set of "Ten Commandments for Living with Your Heart." They are:

1. Find a doctor you respect, obey him, and cling to him as though he were your most precious possession, as he is.
2. Tell him the truth at all times, and encourage him to call you in for periodic check-ups.
3. Pity the fat man, the statistician numbers his days.
4. If your brain earns your living, be moderate as a week end athlete or laborer.
5. When the snow drifts high, let some younger fellow shovel out the driveway.
6. Avoid self-dosing — "he who doctors himself has a fool for a physician."
7. Fortunate is the man who has a mild heart condition and, knowing it, learns to live with his heart.
8. Plan to take "time out" — daily, weekly, yearly — for rest. When you rest, your heart rests.

MARK OF EFFICIENCY

Good housekeeping means a safer, a better, a more satisfying place in which to work. Furthermore, it is a mark of efficiency at your job. Very often you are judged on the appearance of your desk or the bench where you work. The following "housekeeping hints" supplied by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company will, if followed, be a direct benefit to you in your work — will help you take pride in your work and in a job well done. Probably you can add a few hints of your own to this list.



Wayne Sinderman, niece of Walley Graves of Foil Preparation, and Tom Cullen, Jr., son of Tom of Planning, step forth in the Easter Parade. Gertrude Hall of Miscellaneous Paper Finish with her children, Buddy and Marilyn. Pamela Boudreau, sister of Lynn and granddaughter of Vi Leveque. Madeline Folino, sister of Al Folino of Industrial Oils at Brown Street and of Cecelia Folino of Beaver Street Dry Tubular Assembly. Buddy and Marilyn Hall, children of Gertrude Hall of Miscellaneous Paper Finish at Beaver Street.

LUNCHEON ROLL-UPS



Hot biscuit squares are the nutritious foundation for asparagus spears in luncheon meat roll-ups. A peppery mustard sauce serves as creamy gravy.

Different and tempting, Asparagus Rolls on Sun-Tan Biscuit Squares is a luncheon dish you'll want to add to your list of springtime favorites. Pretty green asparagus spears, cooked just until tender, are rolled up in luncheon meat and placed over hot biscuits. Then a tangy mustard sauce covers all.

Biscuits cut in square or diamond shapes make attractive breads for luncheon, and nourishing ones, too. Use a sharp floured knife to cut the rolled-out biscuit dough into squares,

pressing the knife down firmly. Avoid dragging it through the dough, lest the biscuits lean instead of standing up tall and straight. While the biscuits bake, heat the asparagus luncheon roll-ups under the broiler.

To serve, put two roll-ups on each hot biscuit and cover with a creamy mustard sauce. The nutritional score of this dish includes B-vitamins and iron in the enriched biscuit, protein in the meat, vitamins A and C in the green asparagus, calcium and phosphorus in the milk. Besides all this, it tastes appetizingly fresh and good.

- Thanks for the Tip -

To remove chewing gum from clothing rub ice over the stain.

Make small scatter rugs from a faded and stained carpet by cutting the carpet into squares (avoid the stained part) and binding the squares with Bondex Rug Binding Tape.

To a regular muffin mix add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup ready-to-eat bran to make delicious bran muffins.

Instead of throwing away old brooms, save the wooden handles for use as rods in closets, towel racks or window prop.

Remember that a good basic breakfast (fruit or juice, cereal, milk, bread and butter, and beverage) gives you one-third of your daily food requirement yet costs but one-sixth of your daily food bill.

To decorate a plain white apron with a Christmas motif or your own initials, cut the design out of red Bondex Hot Iron Mending Tape and iron it onto the apron.

If you have pastry left over from pie-making, turn it into pretty garnishes. Pile odd strips of pastry one on top of the other, then roll out. Cut into hearts, clubs, diamonds, or spades for bridge club themes, or with fancy cookie cutters. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in a hot oven (450 degrees F.) from eight to 10 minutes. Use to top openfaced pie or tarts, or frost and decorate and serve with tea.

A piece of camphor gum, wrapped in paper and placed in the silver chest, will keep silver from tarnishing.

Grease spots in cloth may be taken out by applying a solution of salt and alcohol.

Give the children enriched bread spread with butter or margarine when they come home from school. Top buttered bread, if you like, with a bit of brown sugar, a spoonful of jelly or peanut butter. Enriched breads are the most economical way to include iron and important B-vitamins in children's diets. In addition, enriched bread also contributes calcium, protein and food energy.



The Chuckle Corner

Landlord: "Have you any children?"
Would-be Tenant: "No."
L.L.: "Any dogs?"
WBT: "No."
L.L.: "Any other pets—a canary or parrot, perhaps?"
WBT: "No, but I've got a fountain pen that scratches a little."

A pat on the back, though only a few vertebrae removed from a kick in the pants, is miles ahead in the results.

Sailor: "I see there's a rule against tips here."
Waitress: "Bless your heart, apples were forbidden in the garden of Eden, too."

The bachelor roomer called on his girl every night. Finally, his landlady asked him why he didn't marry her. He had evidently given it a lot of thought because he replied instantly: "Why, if I married her, where would I go every night? I'd be stuck at home."

Husband, answering telephone: "I don't know. Call the weather bureau." Pretty young wife: "Who was that." Husband: "Some sailor, I guess. Wanted to know if the coast was clear."

The groom seemed slightly confused. Hesitatingly, he said, "I was asked to buy either a casserole or a canisole. I can't remember which."
"That's easy enough," said the clerk. "Is the chicken dead or alive?"

Flattery is telling the other person exactly what he thinks of himself.

Apple or canned pineapple slices make good flavor combinations with gingerbread. Arrange fruit slices, with brown sugar and butter or margarine, in bottom of square pan or ring mold. Cover with gingerbread batter, which may be made quickly with a mix. After baking, turn upside down to serve, so that the syrupy fruit presents an inviting topping.

The man who brags, "I run things in our house," usually refers to the lawn mower, vacuum cleaner, and errands.

BROWNEED VEAL

3 pounds veal steak cut in small squares. Fry out $\frac{1}{4}$ pound of pork. Sear the veal in the fat. Cover with boiling water and place on back of stove to simmer for $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. One-half hour before serving, dredge with flour to make gravy.

Cook in frying pan.

Submitted by Ann Heath
Industrial Oils

An Associated Press report from Texas tells about a gal who sprained her thumb putting on her girdle!

THE STORY OF TEN LITTLE FREE WORKERS

THESE ARE THE WORKERS

* REDDY DOCTOR RAILROADER MINER STEELWORKER FARMER LAWYER GROCER SALESCLERK REPORTER



Ten little free workers in this country fine and fair.
But if you cherish your freedom—worker have a care!
Ten little free workers—Reddy was doing fine
Until the socialists got him—then there were nine.



Nine little free workers laughed at Reddy's fate
Along came federal medicine—then there were eight.



Eight little free workers thought this country heaven
But the government took over the railroads, then there were seven.



Seven little free workers—till the miners got in a fix.
Uncle said coal's essential and took over leaving six.



Six little free workers 'till the day did arrive
The steel mills too were federalized—then there were five.



Five little free workers—but the farmers are free no more
The farms have been collectivized—that leaves only four.



Four little free workers till the government did decree
All must have free legal advice—then there were three.



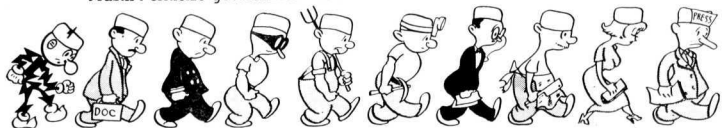
Three little free workers—the number is getting few,
But with government groceries selling food—then there were two.



Two little free workers—our story's almost done,
With clerks at work in federal stores—that leaves only one.



One little free worker—the reporter son-of-a-gun
Mustn't criticize government—so now there are none.



Ten little workers—but they are no longer free
They work when and where ordered, and at a fixed rate you see,
And it all could have been prevented if they'd only seen fit to agree
And work together instead of saying "it never can happen to me!"

SPORTS

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Kenny Russell



Molding Department Champs of 1950. Back row: William O'Grady, Lester "Flash" Estes, and Ray Bentley. First row: John Luczynski, John Ghidotti, and Dave Chittini.

SPRAGUE MEN'S BOWLING

HAIL THE CHAMPS! Yes we salute the Molding Dept. Team from Brown Street on their winning the 1949-50 Sprague Bowling Title. In the 4 round roll-off the Molding Team hit the fine team total of 1515. In second place was the K.V.A. with 1453, third was the D.T.Q. rolling 1443 and in 4th position was the Dry Rolling with 1373.

This year the schedule was divided into 4 rounds with each round winner qualifying for the championship roll off.

The first round winner was the D.T.Q. with a 14-7 standing. Incidentally they were tied with the Dry Rolling in this 1st round but beat them in a roll-off.

The 2nd round winner was the

Molders with a 15-6 record.

The 3rd round winner was the K.V.A. with 16-5 standing.

The 4th round winner was the Dry Rolling with also 16-5 percentage. Here again they were tied with the Molders but won the roll-off.

We are all proud of the winning Molders for they were a colorful array all year long. They had the will to win and their spirit was something to see. It proves the old saying that if you have the will to win then *you can win*. Congratulations fellows, you certainly deserved the crown.

In the next issue we will enter the round standings and the winners of the various prizes for high triple single, team etc.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



The Sprague Lassies wound up their lengthy court season with a good win over the present West. Mass. Champs; the Turner Falls Bonnettes at the local "Y". The score was 29-28. Miss Gordon, a newcomer to the team was high scorer with 10 points, closely followed by Miss D'Arcangelo who came through with 4 hoops and 8 points. Miss Mullins starred for the visiting team and took top scoring honors for the evening with 14 points.

During the season the Sprague Lassies played a total of 22 games. They won 15 while dropping 7. A very fine .681 percentage mark. They played home and home tussles with teams from all over Western Mass. and parts of N. Y. State. Unfortunately they were eliminated in the opening round of the West. Mass. Tourney by the Westover Connies. Arch rival Pittsfield Pro-Drug twice downed the Spragueites but only by very narrow margins. The first game was lost in

overtime 43-41 and in the second a benefit tilt for the March of Dimes the Lassies thrilled the fine crowd by nearly overcoming a tremendous first half deficit of some 17 points. The final result was 27-23 in favor of the Shire City hoopsters.

This same Pittsfield Five won the New England Crown and after surprisingly winning their opening round were themselves eliminated from future play.

At this time we would like to congratulate the entire team on their performance during the season on and off the court; to "Vishy" Wisnowski on annexing the high-scoring honors; to Coach "Cazz" Sanecki on his time and efforts that molded this team and gave such an excellent showing, and to Manager Art Mathews whose headache it was to map out the schedules, dicker with dates and who was instrumental in the planning of the March of Dimes Benefit. Good Luck in the Future.

Williams College

Fishing:

Here is something new. The Williams college fishing contest. This is the second annual intercollegiate affair of this kind. It is more or less a casting contest with both bait and fly tossing for the first part; and a trout fishing derby on the second day winding up the two day outing. Inclement weather hampered the visiting contestants on Cole Field but Williams was right at home with the elements and led the field at the close of the opening day. One Williams lad average tosses of some 91 feet.

On the following day the contestants moved on to the KonKapot River for the Trout Fishing derby. The original site for the fishing was to have been the Deerfield, I understand, but high water and frigid temperature forced the change. As it was, not too many trout were taken by the 30 aspirants and once again Williams proved to be just a little bit better. One of the Williams Waltonians caught an 11¼ inch brookie.

Williams was first with 48 points, Univ. of Mass. was second with 18½ followed by Amherst 16½.

Don Meeske of Williams was the individual star with 22 points—but was unable to hook on to any trout on the final day. Norden Van Horne of Williams took the largest fish—an 11¼ brookie to help boost the Williams score.

Following Amherst in the final standings were: fourth Dartmouth, fifth Princeton, sixth Norwich and seventh Yale.

Ted Rogowski, the originator of the Derby was unable to attend. Next year the Univ. of Mass. will be the host team.

BASEBALL:

Coach Bobby Coombs' baseball nine opened a 12 game schedule on April 22 at Amherst opposing the "Red-Men of the Univ. of Mass. Williams with George Ditmar on the mound, led 2-1 until the fatal seventh and then with the bases loaded a lusty triple was belted into deep right centerfield clearing the sacks—and the Univ. of Mass. led 4-2. This was the big blow of the game and was also the final score. The opposing pitcher let the Williams stickmen down with 2 hits.

Hampered by bad weather, this start for the "Ephmen" was far from discouraging. Bowdoin and Upsal are next on the schedule and the "Purple" will be playing at home, where they hope to hit the winning trail.

LACROSSE:

The Williams College squad started off in fine style by downing a scrappy Union Team 7-4. The "Purple" wore-down the opposition and in the final canto broke the game wide open and handed the "Dutchmen" from New York State a defeat.

At Yale the following week, the "Eli" from New Haven, Conn. handed the "Purple" aggregate its initial loss but only by the narrow margin of 7-5. The game was tightly fought throughout.

TRACK:

Coach "Tony" Plansky's cinder men were much too strong for Middlebury on Weston Field and completely overwhelmed their adversaries by the lop sided score of 105½ to 29½. This squad is one of the strongest teams in the history of the College Sport. Middlebury did very well in the hurdles winning only these two events.

GENERAL

How many area fans realize that within 65 to 70 miles of North Adams all types of baseball leagues can be seen in action? Well, it's true and within this radius—good ball can be watched.

For instance, here in town, we have High School and Semi-Pro—in Williamstown — Williams College plays the schedule competing against Colleges throughout New England. At Bennington the Generals hold sway in the Northern League. At Pittsfield—The Electrics are, in the Class D or Pony League—the Can-American. At Albany—45 miles away the Senators are in the Eastern League Class A. And now at Springfield the Cubs are exercising their new Franchise in the International League Class AAA. If one wishes to go further they can see Major League Ball in Boston 142 or in New York 174 miles away.



Yes fans, people in this vicinity can be spectators at any type of baseball they might wish to see that is played throughout the country today.

Take one reckless born, natural fool, three drinks of whisky and fast high-powered automobile. Soak fool in liquor, place in car, let him go for an hour. Remove from wreckage, place in black satin-box, garnish with flowers.

Nashville Tennessean

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A female passenger had boarded the bus after the lights had gone out. A tall man standing near her asked if he could help her find a strap.

"Thank you," she replied, "but I have already found one."

"Then I wonder if you would mind letting go of my necktie?"



American League:

The New York Yankees started in where they left off at the close of the regular league schedule last year, by spotting the Red Sox 9 runs and then rallied like true champions to humble the Bo-Sox 15-10. Once again it was the sad case of no sound relief pitching as far as the Sox are concerned. Both teams hit hard but the Sox have no Page.

The Detroit Tigers are living up to advance billing by bowling over the opposition. The St. Louis Browns are early surprisers but this corner feels that it will be short lived when the western clubs swing east.

National League:

The favored Brooklyn Dodgers are winning but finding the going real rough. The Cards are off to a poor start and the Giants have yet to win a victory. However the dark horse Pirates are sailing serenely along with 5 victories in a row over second division clubs. Ralph Kiner is belting the ball very hard. The Boston Braves are also off on the right foot coupling their good pitching with that strengthened lineup that gives them tremendous power at the plate for 4 wins in five trips.

The Phillies are doing ok. against top-flight opposition, for they opened with a victory against Brooklyn and then faced the Boston Braves and even though they lost 2 out of 3 were very impressive. This club will warrant plenty of support for they are definitely in this 1950 National League Race.



Our LOG Reporter got this Christmasy picture during the surprise snowstorm on April 14.